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PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1261)

SUBJECT : DEMONSTRATIONS BY CHICAGO  
FREEDOM MOVEMENT (CFM) -  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
GAGE PARK AREA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RM

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Re Chicago teletype dated 7/13/66, captioned as above and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 13 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum and 2 copies for Atlanta, concerning the above.

Chicago is following this situation closely and will continue to advise the Bureau of pertinent developments.

- ⑤ - Bureau (Enc. 13)  
     (1 - 100-438794 COMINFIL - SCLC)  
     ① - 100-106670 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2)  
     (1 - 100-5718 COMINFIL - SCLC)  
     (1 - 100-5586 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 4 - Chicago  
     (1 - 157-413)  
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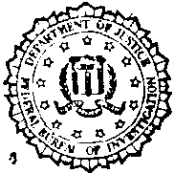
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The caption is being carried as above due to the general intermixing of various civil rights groups involved in the integration efforts in Gage Park utilizing the title of the CFM, however, generally under the recognized leadership of the SCLC.

The source utilized in the enclosed is



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
July 14, 1966

DEMONSTRATIONS BY CHICAGO  
FREEDOM MOVEMENT (CFM) -  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC),  
GAGE PARK AREA,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTER

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised the Chicago Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office on July 13, 1966, that during the day of July 12, and July 13, 1966, various persons affiliated with the CFM - SCLC Program in Chicago have visited a number of realty offices in the Gage Park area on Chicago's southwest side. The plan being utilized in these visits was to send groups of white persons and Negroes separately into various real estate offices, determining if there were conflicts in information given each group by the various real estate concerns regarding housing availability in the area.

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GAGE PARK AREA,  
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Note that the Gage Park neighborhood is located on Chicago's southwest side, generally bordered on the north by 47th Street, on the south by 55th Street, on the east by Western Avenue (2400 West) and on the west by Pulaski Road (4000 West). According to the above source, this area has long had the reputation of being hostile to Negroes.

The source continued that on July 14, 1966, demonstrations are to be held in the Gage Park area principally under the auspices of the SCLC, however, the exact details of these demonstrations as to specific nature and location were not known. The source believed these demonstrations would take the form of visits by mixed groups of whites and Negroes to parks, playgrounds, and shopping centers in the area with possible sit-in or picketing demonstrations at certain of the real estate offices visited. These tactics are among those suggested by persons affiliated with the CFM Gage Park effort. Additionally, on July 16, 1966, a picnic is to be sponsored in Gage Park at a centrally located park area within the general Gage Park neighborhood.

The "Chicago American", a daily Chicago newspaper, edition of July 13, 1966, contained an article reflecting that Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC, was then in Chicago, but had planned to depart for Atlanta, Georgia, during the evening of July 13, 1966. The article continued, however, that King was expected to return to Chicago during the evening of July 14, 1966, to participate in a possible meeting being held here subsequent to the Gage Park demonstrations.

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GAGE PARK AREA  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department, was advised on July 13, 1966, of the above information, advising that the Chicago Police Department had no knowledge of the Gage Park demonstrations, however, would be alert to the potential for disturbance here.

The following additional persons were subsequently advised of the above:

Special Agent [REDACTED] Region I,  
113th INTC Group, Evanston, Illinois;

[REDACTED] United States Secret Service,  
Chicago.

A copy of this memorandum is being provided to the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago.



RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C  
(OO: Atlanta)

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Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reporting information concerning KING's presence in New York City, on 12/5/65. The confidential source who furnished the information relating to the conference between LEVISON and KING was [REDACTED]

According to the information from [REDACTED] LEVISON b(2) was in New York and KING was in Atlanta. The conference was a b(2) telephonic one instituted by KING from Atlanta.

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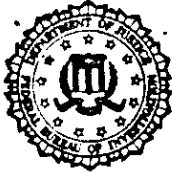
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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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On December 4, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which disclosed that Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC), were in contact on that date concerning a speech King was to make before the Synagogue Council of America on December 5, 1965, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City. (S)

Levison, in advising King what he should say, told him to make some remarks about his accomplishments since the movement (King's) started in Montgomery, Alabama, about ten years ago. King, Levison advised, should say that major Federal legislation dealing with civil rights was written because of the actions in Birmingham and Selma, Alabama. (S)

King and Levison also discussed the statement of the National Council of Churches regarding United States efforts in Vietnam. In that regard, King and Levison had nothing but praise for the statement, and Levison advised King to use the part about the use of United States power to kill Asians. Levison said he thought King should associate himself with it. King agreed to get a copy of "The New York Times" and see what he could use from the article. (S)

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

"The New York Times", Saturday, December 4, 1965, on page 1, column 8, carried an article reporting a proposal by the National Council of Churches on December 3, 1965, urging the United States to stop bombing North Vietnam to create a more favorable climate for peace negotiations. The Council statement suggested that the present course generates distrust and hatred of the United States throughout much of the World because the country is seen as a predominantly white nation using overwhelming military strength to kill more and more Asians. (u)

In continuing their discussion, King and Levison made reference to a recent episode in Boston, Massachusetts, whereby the American Legion withdrew an award to a Rabbi named Gittelsohn (phonetic). The award, according to King and Levison, was withdrawn because Gittelsohn was a sponsor of the March on Washington For Peace in Vietnam on November 27, 1965. King was advised by Levison to stress in his speech before the Synagogue Council that the award was withdrawn because of Gittelsohn's outspoken defense of Peace. Additionally, King was told to pose the question "whether free speech has not become one of the casualties of the war". (u)

According to the source, King and Levison ended their discussion on a note by Levison that in regard to Vietnam, Johnson and Kennedy have stated sensible policies but "we" were not implementing them. Levison said the big question was just who is actually running the country. (u)

The "New York Herald Tribune", December 6, 1965, page 16, column 5, contains an article reflecting that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke at the annual dinner of the Synagogue Council of America at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, on the night of December 5, 1965, at which time he received the group's Judaism and World Peace Award. (u)

According to the article, King, in his speech, made the following comments: (u)

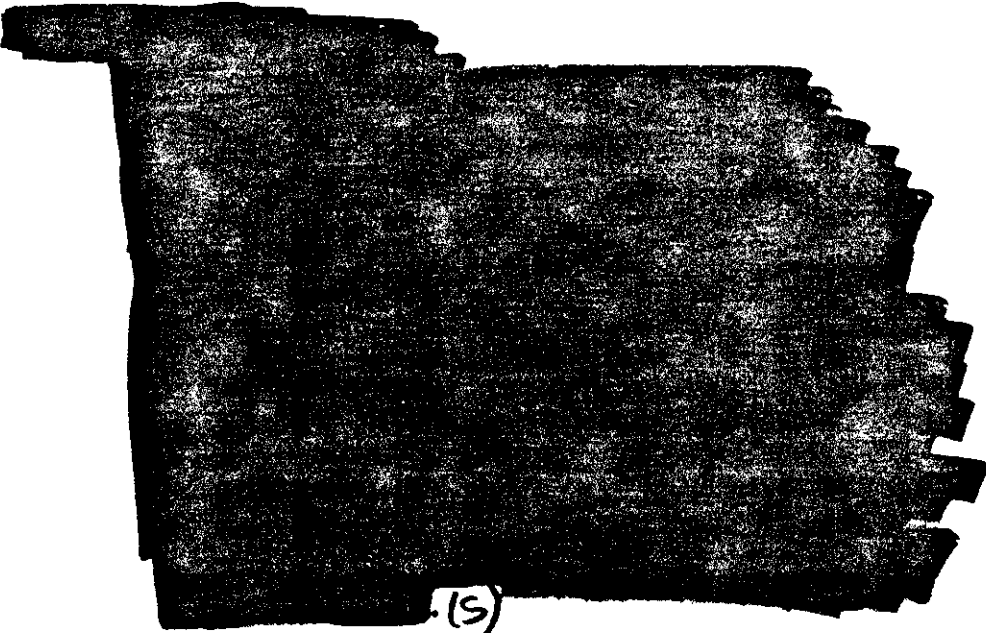
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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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The prospects for peace in Vietnam are growing dimmer because of a war policy in this country. The danger of the United States going deeper into the Vietnam conflict is on the increase "because those who would question it are being subjected to intensified attack". Such attacks take the form of "an ugly regressive sentiment to silence peace seekers". It is "assuming a shape which depicts advocates of immediate negotiation under terms of the Geneva Agreement as quasi-traitors, fools, or venal enemies of our soldiers and institutions". (u)



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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 12/13/65

FROM : JKP SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)

SUBJECT: *um* MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta 11/19/65 concerning one [REDACTED] and the possibility of his relationship to subject.

In addition to the name of [REDACTED] referenced letter set forth the names of several relatives of [REDACTED]. These names have been searched through Atlanta indices, checked with the Credit Bureau of Atlanta, Inc., and records of the Atlanta Police Department, Identification Division have been searched. In addition, information furnished by Atlanta sources in connection with captioned investigation has been reviewed.

As a result of the foregoing, no indication has been developed indicating a relationship between [REDACTED] captioned subject or subject's father.

In the absence of further request by the Bureau, Atlanta at this time contemplates no further action pursuant to referenced letter.

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BUREAU FILE 100-106670; NEW YORK FILE 100-136585.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER NINE SIXTY FIVE, CONCERNING  
KING'S PLAN TO COME TO NEW YORK CITY ON DECEMBER TEN SIXTY FIVE TO  
ADDRESS A GROUP IN THIS CITY.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO WAS IN A POSITION TO FURNISH INFORMATION  
ABOUT KING'S ACTIVITIES AT THE SHERATON ATLANTIC HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY,  
WAS CONTACTED ON DECEMBER TEN AND ELEVEN SIXTY FIVE, BUT WAS UNABLE TO  
FURNISH ANY INFORMATION IN THAT REGARD. HOWEVER, THE SOURCE DID  
FURNISH INFORMATION WHICH INDICATED THAT SOME UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS  
ENTERED KING'S SUITE AT THE HOTEL DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF DECEMBER  
ELEVEN SIXTY FIVE. THE SOURCE, DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND HIS  
CONTROL, COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

ON DECEMBER ELEVEN SIXTY FIVE AN OFFICIAL AT THE SHERATON ATLANTIC  
HOTEL ADVISED THAT KING AND HIS PARTY CHECKED OUT OF THE HOTEL AT  
NINE THIRTY A.M.

ATLANTA ADVISED BY MAIL

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE 1100-1472/  
① Security Matter-Communist  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, ~~Smith~~

AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR FIFTEEN PM, THIS DATE, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HIS ENTOURAGE WERE ARRESTED BY ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS AT SAWYERVILLE, <sup>Alabama</sup> ~~ALA~~ FOR SPEEDING AND RECKLESS DRIVING AND WERE ALLEGEDLY TRAVELING NINETY MILES PER HOUR IN FORTY MILE PER HOUR ZONE.

ANDREW J. YOUNG WAS DRIVING CAR IN WHICH KING RIDING. YOUNG, JAMES E. BULLOCH AND REV. ROBERT FITCH WERE EACH ARRESTED AND PAID FINES OF FIFTY DOLLARS AND COSTS EACH AND RELEASED TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED NINETYEIGHT DOLLARS PAID.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

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Mr. George Rayburn  
CRD, Dept. of Justice  
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MR. TOLSON FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1135

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1136

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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NEW BRUNSWICK

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December 6th, 1965.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C. 20535.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for yours of December 1st. I understand the situation, but I thought there might be a possibility of receiving the type of information that might clear the name of Martin Luther King. Thank you for your reply.

Yours very truly,

FWG/c

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New Brunswick, Canada

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 24th.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles, and our files contain no record of his publication.

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NEW BRUNSWICK

b7(c)

November 24th, 1965.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Chief Administrator Officer of F.B.I.,  
U. S. Department of Justice Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We recently ran in our paper a couple of short news items relative to some activities of Rev. Martin Luther King. We had two objections registered to this, both suggesting that Mr. King was not the kind of man that we should be quoting, or in any way holding up even to seeming honor and respect. One lady has written stating the following:

"When clerics in positions of high authority project the name of M. L. King as one who speaks for the church, and who is honored by the church, the Christians of the world are being misled and deceived by pharisaical hypocrisy as evil and devastating as that which existed in the time of Christ".

"The personal life of Martin Luther King is so scandalous that it is being kept under wraps in the secret files of the F.B.I....His Executive Secretary's record is in police courts for homosexuality, and it is a matter of photostatic evidence."

These are unpleasant and serious charges. The other correspondent suggested that Mr. King was backed by Communists. You will, of course, know whether there is anything about Mr. King which you can share with me, either in confidential manner or for publication - the latter is what I should prefer. If the charges made by my correspondent are completely foundless, I should like to be able to say so on your authority if possible. On the other hand if there are some grounds for these serious charges, I should, if possible, know, even if the information is something which cannot be publicized. My reason for wishing to know, is clearly that I might govern myself to some respect in such publicity as I give to Mr. King.

Any information which you may be in a position to share with me would be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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Lisbon, North Dakota

b7(c) Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 30th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Lisbon, North Dakota  
11/30/65

[REDACTED]  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs;

Could you tell me if there is any basis in fact for the accusations we sometimes hear that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a Communist? I would appreciate any information you could give on this matter. Thank you.

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Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

Lisbon, No. Dak.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 12/2/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Ware  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. D.J. Brennan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

You will recall that we had received second-hand information that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had stated that according to her brother, a banker [REDACTED] Martin Luther King, Jr., has a numbered account with a balance of over one million dollars where this banker is employed. It has been previously recommended, and the Director approved, that we initiate a discreet investigation to attempt to corroborate this allegation, after which we could consider further action to discredit King either through counterintelligence channels or by turning the information over to the Internal Revenue Service for possible criminal prosecution.

We were unable to find any trace of a banker [REDACTED] named [REDACTED] but have now developed information identifying the banker [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bufiles contain no adverse information identifiable with [REDACTED]

We are proposing that [REDACTED] be interviewed and on a confidential basis his cooperation be solicited. Our approach to him [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] his help is being sought in a matter relating to the Nation's security. Mention will be made to [REDACTED] that there has been publicity in the past in the press that some [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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[REDACTED] have numbered accounts and that we have information that one of these account holders may be King. If [REDACTED] is cooperative (and we have no reason to believe otherwise) and with our assurance of anonymity, we should be able to obtain the information we desire first hand. We believe that at this time a direct approach to [REDACTED] is the best course of action open to us as he is no longer affiliated [REDACTED] bank, which fact should encourage his cooperation, and because he is the individual who originally made the allegation concerning King.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is an airtel to New Orleans containing background information on this matter and instructing that [REDACTED] be promptly interviewed by experienced, mature Agents and under discreet circumstances, along the lines indicated above.

BB JH ✓ WEL  
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